

## Bloomfield Record.

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### An Old Fogey Sermon.

Here is the text:

"After the arduous and successful labors last year to secure the introduction of gas into Montclair, the annual question was set at rest forever. No one imagined that Bloomfield could so stoutly itself, or could possibly be so blind to its reputation and interest as to suffer that question to be opened again."—*SIR ORACLE.*

That hypothetic "we supposed" is one of the rotten mud-sills on which the superstructure of his kind of "progress" rests. Men with pocket as empty as their heads will go to town-meeting and vote for the biggest sum of "appropriation money" called for by some demagogue, "supposing" it's all right, never dreaming of pay-day or the tax-collector until he knocks at the door. "Supposition," "imagination," and kindred qualities are the underlying principles of that kind of progress, in which sensible and honest people take no stock. It builds our shoddy railroads, puts up our cheap but showy buildings, sham bridges and reservoirs, but culminates in death-dealing disaster and financial ruin.

It is identified in every species of moneyed adventure and speculation—always rampant for progress. We need not go out of Bloomfield to find abundant illustration of its achievements.

If they themselves who thus sow the whirlwind of disaster always and exclusively reap the crop instead of the defrauded laborer, mechanic and material man, directly, and thousands indirectly, it would be a blessing: The race of red-hot progressives would decrease in numbers and the trouble they bring upon themselves and their fellow men would correspondingly diminish.

### Gas.

Our Town Committee have estimated the gas tax for one year from October 1st at \$10,300. In the meantime, there is a deadlock in the Committee upon the question of renewing the contract.

Members are unwilling to impose this onerous burden upon the town, believing that the interests and wishes of the tax-payers—the

members—in these hard times, demand a reduction rather than an increase in expenditures.

They believe that the complaints made respecting the poorness of the gas, the irregularity of lighting, and the conviction that the town has not been getting by measurement the stipulated amount called for by contract the past year, fully warrant them in not entering, without due consideration, into a similar contract again.

These are a few of the reasons tending to explain the position of Messrs. Van Houten, Oakes and Beach in this matter. What man with sound sense will deny that their position is not well taken? And yet there is an exceptional man in town, who, blindly ignoring these facts, feels called upon to blazon in italic print the full names of the three members—to throw mud upon them—accuse them of "disgracing the town,"—the pernicious object being to bully them into voting as he arrogantly dictates!

Taken as a whole, this harangue on "gas or no gas" is a bundle of intensified stupidity.

The clamor is for gas where the real want is brains. Most people in Bloomfield will unite in protesting that he who thus exalts himself as the Oracle of Progress ought to be one of the very last to vociferate for high taxes or extravagant expenditures.

His voice, if heard at all, should be lifted in behalf of those who have found it difficult or impossible to pay their assessments in the past.

### Progress.

Bloomfield will never see much real progress until her citizens make up their minds to work more harmoniously together in matters relating to the public good. Never has there been enough of concerted action among us to secure any decided advancement.

At one town-meeting, we vote \$10,000 for roads, and at the next two dollars and a half. Last year we made a spasmodic attempt at progress. What was accomplished?

The roadway of Broad street was graded for a hundred yards, but the side walk was left untouched, three feet above the gutter, and probably it will remain so for the next ten years.

A patch of Franklin street was left in the same state of chaos. A few crosswalks were put down, and one side of one street was flagged. The Park was flanked with posts, after the manner of ye olden time. Gas was introduced, but for obvious reasons we must not entertain great expectations of the permanence of this improvement, at the present time. Put all these together, and the exhibit is not a very flattering one, for the progressiveness of '73.

This year, owing probably to the hard times, little or nothing will be done, which, perhaps is just as well. We shall all of us find our tax bills sufficiently high. Next year, or so soon as the times are such as to warrant public improvements we hope to chronicle a better record of the village.

### The Montclair Depot Controversy.

Several weeks ago Mr. M. Loomis of Montclair published his pamphlet on the Walnut Street Depot. A copy of the pamphlet was sent by mail to this office. We made a hasty examination of it, but, at the time, made no reference whatever to it in THE RECORD, perceiving that it was a personal affair between two gentlemen, and that it contained nothing of especial interest to our readers.

Subsequently another paper commented on the pamphlet, warmly espousing Mr. Pratt's side and vehemently attacking Mr. Loomis, also giving expression to what we considered to be pernicious teaching on a question of morality. Then we believed it to be our duty to say something, chiefly in exposure of the reprehensible course pursued by the paper alluded to.

Mr. Pratt, after enjoying full benefit of the other paper's defense of his and attack on Loomis' character—sent us his communication and we printed it, hoping it would end the matter, but not so.

We now have still another communication from him, in the form of certificates from the subscribers to the depot, the first of which reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, subscribers to the Montclair Railway Locomotive Fund, having paid the Montclair Rail-way Company the several sums referred to in the action of said company, and its officers in regard to said depot, and further declare that we do not consider Julius H. Pratt, formerly the President of said company, responsible to us as Trustee or Agent for any money so subscribed and paid by us."

The names of 19 gentlemen follow, with the amount of their depot subscription. Then there is another certificate with one name attached, the gentleman saying:

"I do not consider Julius H. Pratt, formerly the President of said company, responsible to me as Trustee or Agent for any money so subscribed and paid by me."

Still another gentleman signs, after saying: "I decline to express an opinion."

Finally the former Secretary of the Rail-way Co. certifies that according to the books of the company the names given include all who paid their subscriptions.

The above is a faithful abridgement of what would have occupied three or four times the space given, had we felt called on or thought it necessary to print it in the shape sent, with a flaming heading, introduction by Mr. Pratt, names and amounts of subscribers, etc.

### Gas in the Suburbs.

A petition to the Town Committee is being extensively signed by property owners north of the Montclair Railroad, to have that part of the town excluded from the lamp district. If the number of lamps would be reduced to 125 or 150 by not lighting the rural districts, it would be a move in the right direction. One of the chief arguments advanced in the Town Committee last year was to light these thinly settled parts of town, in order to make the two planks in the platform of the extreme progressive party,—"a general lighting up" and "a general taxation," jibe together. The result, after a year's experience of gas in the suburbs, is shown above. We advocated a change in the law last year before any lamps were lighted or contract made, which now begin to appear. If we go on another year, as we have done, people residing in thickly settled streets now in darkness will petition for lamps, (as has already been done,) knowing that the "general taxation" will not greatly increase their tax, on a small property, but will come on the large owners, farther away from the center. The law should be amended so that only those streets, or sectional parts, on which a majority of the property owners vote to have such street or portion lighted, shall be included in the lamp district.

The lighted district should pay 50 per cent. of the cost of lighting as a special tax, and the other 50 per cent. assessed on the entire township, as a general lamp tax.

The effect of this would probably be to keep the tax within reasonable bounds, and certainly to make the assessment less arbitrary.

We think a petition for a change embodying these suggestions, if circulated widely throughout the town, would receive the assent of a large majority of the taxpayers and property owners. It would solve the question "Gas or no Gas," in a sensible way.

### Public Schools.

EDITOR OF THE RECORD: Will you please call the attention of parents in the Central Union School District to the fact that the public schools will open on next Monday morning, August 31, and request them to see that the children whom they intend to send to school, be promptly at the opening, at 9 o'clock on that day? The teachers employed by the trustees, at the close of last year, will, with the exception of Mrs. Pearson, (who declines,) resume work this year, in all the positions they filled last year.

Bloomfield, August 26, 1874. C. P.

The politically inclined of both parties are brightening up their armor for the fall campaign. Hon. E. O. Doremus, of Orange, is prominently spoken of as a Republican candidate for Register. Col. James Peacock, who has so creditably held the office of Sheriff, during the past year, will probably be the leading candidate for the office another term.

Chicago for sensation. It is announced that an agent for the Exposition has offered Mr. Beecher \$75,000 for fifty nights' lecturing next season at the Exposition, and telegraphed the same offer to Mr. Tilton.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

As the days shorten, the gas-bills lengthen.

The Midland trains are making good time and paying expenses.

The new Telegraph line seems to have an affinity for the boys' kites.

Mr. T. F. Farrington, photographer, near the depot, is taking good pictures at low prices.

James M. Chalmers is the Bloomfield member of the Democratic County Central Committee.

Madison Bros. have the contract for laying eight new cross-walks in various parts of the township.

"Another hole in them pants!" said a fond mother to her young hopeful. "What a dreary old-knees fellow you are!"

P. Weaver will sell at auction on Saturday, 29th inst., at Stephen N. Baldwin's, property consisting of horse, wagons, farming utensils, etc.

Mr. Louis Garnier, who resides in the Morris Neighborhood, lost a little child aged 14 years by accidental drowning in a brook near its parents' house last week.

At a special meeting of the Town Committee recently held to revise taxes, it was resolved to refer the matter of remitting the \$4,000 voted for road repairs to legal counsel, before taking action upon it.

The grade, of Ridgewood Avenue, now being worked by the Road Board, is severely criticized by some property owners whose land is injured by cutting down or filling in, particularly in the vicinity of Lincoln street.

A novelty at the well known machine works of Mr. C. P. Ladd, at Ridgewood, is the new rotary engine, just completed. It is the invention of Charles Inman, and has points of merit not found in many motors of this class.

One thousand dollars was all the Town Committee intended to spend on roads this year, but it is estimated that at least \$2,000 will be required. The operations of the Road Board, on Ridgewood Avenue make it necessary for the town to spend considerable to make the intersecting streets passable.

On Monday a Newark lager beer wagon capsized going down the hill near Hope Avenue, and the horses, with the driver, were severely injured. She was attended by two of our village doctors, and subsequently taken to her home in Newark. The driver was also injured slightly.

At a meeting in this place held on Monday night, the following named gentlemen were elected delegates to represent the Republican voters of Bloomfield in the State Convention: David Oakes, John Sherman and Enoch W. Page. Horace Dodd was elected as member of the County Committee.

At the primary in Montclair, the following delegates were chosen: Samuel Wilde and Joseph Doremus. Alternates—Jarvis G. Crane and Charles B. Morris. Delegates to confer with Newark Central Committee, Gen. Fred H. Harris. Committee on Organization to report at future meeting—Clark W. Mills, Gen. F. H. Harris, Dr. J. J. Love, C. B. Morris, Samuel Wilde.

The First Literary and Musical Entertainment of the Young Men's Christian Union of the M. E. Church took place on Monday evening last. The church was well filled and the exercises passed off very creditably and pleasantly. The readings and recitations were good, and the singing was very well rendered. The Quartette and Chorus "Sweetly Come Those Strains," and Anthem, "Jerusalem My Glorious Home," were especially good. At no distant day the "Union" expect to give their second entertainment which they hope to make still more pleasing.

About 40 of our Bloomfield people availed themselves of an excursion to Keypoint on Wednesday last. They took the "Rockaway" a steamboat which leaves East Newark near Mc-Clave's dock every morning except Sunday at 8 o'clock, and returns from Keypoint at 4 in the afternoon. Our townsmen W. B. Corby, and his brother E. B. Corby, own the boat and are running it successfully, both as to freight and passengers, the route affording a fine trip, and the stoppage of 4 hours every facility for enjoyment, delightful still-water bathing, etc. The cost of the excursion, 50 cents, is a marvel of cheapness, considering that the boat is complete in appointment for the comfort and safety of passengers.

Thomas F. Farrington, photographer, desires to inform the people of Bloomfield and Montclair that he is located in Bloomfield, near the D. L. & W. R. R. and is aged 1 year and 10 months.

BONNELL.—At Belleville, August 23d, Minnie F. Bonnell, aged 4 months and 13 days.

DONNELLY.—At Belleville, August 25th, William J. Donnelly, son of Hugh and Matilda Donnelly, in the 22d year of his age.

KINGLAND.—At Stone House, Plains, August 24, Mary Kingland, in the 54th year of her age.

TAYLOR.—At Montclair, August 26th, Harriet B. Taylor, aged 67 years, 3 months and 15 days.

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